

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2007. Claims 1-2 and 7-27 are currently pending.

Claim 6 has been canceled in order to address the formality objection in section 3 of the Office Action.

Claim 1 stands rejected under Section 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by JP '074. This Section 102(b) rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 as amended requires that “ . . . predetermined interval to wedge a plurality of flexible substrates in between to hold them in a shape of a curve the holding members are angled so as to define an angle which is not a right angle between each holding member and the corresponding one of the opposed members, and each of the flexible substrates contacts both of the pair of opposed members.” JP '074 fails to disclose or suggest these features of claim 1.

In JP '074, the LCD panel 5 is merely placed on the holding members, and the ends of the LCD panel 5 are *not in contact* with the surfaces of the sidewalls of the storage equipment. This is clear from Fig. 2 of JP '074. Furthermore, Fig. 1 of JP '074 shows that the panel sags significantly downward (this is undesirable because it causes defects to occur), thereby illustrating that JP '074 also fails to disclose or suggest *wedging* substrates in between the opposed members to hold them in a shape of a curve as required by claim 1. Because JP '074 fails to disclose or suggest these two features of claim 1, the claim is not anticipated. Moreover, claim 1 is nonobvious given that JP '074 teaches directly away from the invention of claim 1.

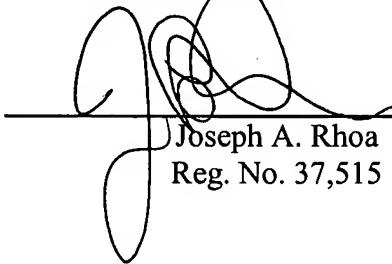
Claim 25 requires that “each of the flexible substrates contacts both of the pair of opposed members.” Again, JP '074 fails to disclose or suggest this feature of claim 25. In contrast with claim 25, Fig. 2 of JP '074 shows that the LCD panel 5 is merely placed on the

holding members, and the ends of the LCD panel 5 are *not in contact* with the surfaces of the sidewalls of the storage equipment – the opposite of what claim 25 requires.

It is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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